
**TEACHER CONSENT LETTER – STATES THAT DO NOT
REQUIRE PRAXIS FOR CERTIFICATION**

[Date]

Dear [Teacher Name],

Thank you very much for participating in the Study of Secondary Math Teachers from Alternative Routes to Certification, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education. This important study can help schools understand how different teacher preparation programs contribute to the preparation of math teachers.

As part of the study, we wish to learn about the background of teachers who participate in different teacher preparation programs. In spring 2010, we will be conducting a survey that will ask teachers about their demographic characteristics, educational background, teaching preparation, and professional experience. To understand as fully as possible the differences across teachers, in fall 2009 we also are asking teachers to take the Educational Testing Service's Praxis Middle School Mathematics (0069) test or the Praxis Content Knowledge in Mathematics (0061) test. We will handle all registration tasks and pay all test fees. In appreciation of your participation, we will mail you a check for \$120 within two weeks after completion of the test.

Your score information will be kept strictly confidential and will not be shared with anyone outside the study team. District officials, principals, and school staff will not have access to the score data. Our reports and analyses will present Praxis test score data in aggregate for the entire sample or large subsets of the sample, and will not be presented in a way that individual schools or teachers could be identified.

Your participation is voluntary but very important. The Praxis Mathematics subject test is scheduled for [Date] at [time] at [location of testing site]. Please let us know if you are not available to take the test on this scheduled date so we can make other arrangements for you to complete the test.

On the day of the test we will also ask you to complete two one page forms: (1) a contact form where we ask for information that could help us to contact you for the spring 2010 survey if you move to a new school or change jobs; and (2) a consent form that will allow us to obtain your Praxis test score directly from the Educational Testing Service. **We will add an additional \$5.00 to the check amount for a total of \$125.00 as a thank you.**

If you have any questions or concerns about the study or the assessment, please do not hesitate to call me toll free at (866) 330-9199 or at (609) 275-2293 or to email me at ksonnenfeld@mathematica-mpr.com. We greatly appreciate your cooperation and support of this important study.

Sincerely,